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# The intersection of essential approximate point spectra of operator matrices

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## Abstract

When  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$  are given, we denote by  $M_C$  the operator acting on the infinite-dimensional separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}$  of the form  $M_C = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$ . In this paper, it is shown that there exists some operator  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C$  is upper semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(M_C) \leq 0$  if and only if there exists some left invertible operator  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C$  is upper semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(M_C) \leq 0$ . A necessary and sufficient condition for  $M_C$  to be upper semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(M_C) \leq 0$  for some  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is given, where  $\text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  denotes the set of all the invertible operators of  $B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . In addition, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for  $M_C$  to be upper semi-Fredholm and  $\text{ind}(M_C) \leq 0$  for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The study of upper triangular operator matrices arises naturally from the following fact: if  $T$  is a Hilbert space operator and  $M$  is an invariant subspace for  $T$ , then  $T$  has the following  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular operator matrix representation:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} : \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \oplus \mathcal{M}^\perp,$$

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and one way to study operator is to see them as entries of simpler operators. Recently, many authors have paid much attention to  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular operator matrices (see [2–5,7,9,10]). For a given pair  $(A, B)$  of operators, Du and Pan (see [5]) give a necessary and sufficient condition for which  $M_C$  is invertible for some  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , Han et al. (see [9]) extended the result for operators  $A, B, C$  on Banach space. For the essential spectrum  $\sigma_e(T)$ , the Weyl spectrum  $\sigma_w(T)$  and the Browder spectrum  $\sigma_b(T)$  of  $T$ , analogous results have been obtained in many literatures (see [2,3,5,7]).

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  be complex separable Hilbert spaces, let  $B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ ,  $B_l(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  and  $\text{Inv}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ , respectively, denote the set of bounded linear operators, left invertible bounded linear operators and invertible bounded linear operators from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$ , respectively, and abbreviate  $B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H})$  to  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$  and  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , we define an operator  $M_C$  acting on  $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}$  by the form

$$M_C := \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}.$$

For an operator  $T$ , we use  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  to denote the null space and the range of  $T$ , respectively. Let  $n(T)$  be the nullity of  $T$  which is equal to  $\dim N(T)$ , and let  $d(T)$  be the deficiency of  $T$  which is equal to  $\dim N(T^*)$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  (or  $B(\mathcal{H})$ ) is said to be upper semi-Fredholm if  $R(T)$  is closed and  $N(T)$  has finite dimension and lower semi-Fredholm if  $R(T)$  is closed and  $N(T^*)$  has finite dimension. An operator  $T$  is called Fredholm if it is both upper semi-Fredholm and lower semi-Fredholm. Let  $\Phi_+(H)$  ( $\Phi_-(H)$ ) denotes the set of all upper (lower) semi-Fredholm operators. For an operator  $T$ , the left (right) essential spectrum  $\sigma_{le}(T)$  ( $\sigma_{re}(T)$ ) is defined by

$$\sigma_{le}(T) (\sigma_{re}(T)) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: T - \lambda \text{ is not upper (lower) semi-Fredholm}\}.$$

If  $T$  is a semi-Fredholm operator, we define the index of  $T$  by  $\text{ind}(T) = n(T) - d(T)$ . An operator  $T \in B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$  is called Weyl if it is a Fredholm operator of index zero.

Let  $\Phi_+^-(H)$  ( $\Phi_+^-(H, K)$ ) (introduced in [11]) be the class of all  $T \in \Phi_+(H)$  ( $T \in \Phi_+(H, K)$ ) with  $\text{ind}(T) \leq 0$  for any  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  ( $T \in B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ ), let  $\Phi_-^+(H)$  ( $\Phi_-^+(H, K)$ ) be the class of all  $T \in \Phi_-(H)$  ( $T \in \Phi_-(H, K)$ ) with  $\text{ind}(T) \geq 0$  for any  $T \in B(\mathcal{H})$  ( $T \in B(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K})$ ), let

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ea}(T) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: T - \lambda \text{ is not in } \Phi_+^-(H)\}, \\ \sigma_{SF+}(T) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: T - \lambda \text{ is not in } \Phi_-^+(H)\}, \\ \sigma_w(T) &= \sigma_{ea}(T) \cup \sigma_{SF+}(T). \end{aligned}$$

Cao and Meng (in [2]) give a necessary and sufficient condition for which  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H)$  for some  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  and characterize the set of  $\bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea} M_C$ . In this paper, our main goal is to characterize the intersection of  $\bigcap_{C \in B_l(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C)$  and  $\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C)$ . This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for which  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H)$  for some  $C \in B_l(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  and get

$$\bigcap_{C \in B_l(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C).$$

In Section 3, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for which  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H)$  for some  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  and get

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{ea}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: B - \lambda \text{ is compact}\}.$$

In Section 4, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for which  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H)$  for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . In addition, the idea in this paper is different from [2].

## 2. $\bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C)$

In order to prove our main results, we begin with some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$  and  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . If  $C$  as an operator from  $N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A)$  has the following operator matrix:*

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ C_3 & C_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

then

(a)  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

(i)  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ;

(ii)  $M_1 \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)})$  where

$$M_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} : N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)}, \quad (2)$$

where  $B$  as an operator from  $N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)}$  has the operator matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) If  $R(B)$  is closed, then  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

(i)  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ;

(ii)  $C_1$  is an operator with  $R(C_1)$  is closed,  $n(C_1) < \infty$ , and  $n(C_1) + n(A) \leq d(C_1) + d(B)$ .

**Proof.** (a) *Sufficiency.* Since  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ , then  $R(A)$  is closed. The space  $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K}$  can be decomposed as the following direct sums:

$$\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{K} = N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp = R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A) \oplus \overline{R(B)} \oplus R(B)^\perp.$$

Thus  $M_C$  as an operator from  $N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A) \oplus \overline{R(B)} \oplus R(B)^\perp$  has the following operator matrix:

$$M_C = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & A_1 & C_3 & C_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where  $A_1$  is an operator from  $N(A)^\perp$  onto  $R(A)$  and  $B_1$  is an operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  into  $\overline{R(B)}$ . By the assumption that  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $A_1$  is an invertible operator. In this case, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & A_1 & C_3 & C_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & -A_1^{-1}C_3 & -A_1^{-1}C_4 \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & A_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & -A_1^{-1}C_3 & -A_1^{-1}C_4 \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

is an invertible operator from  $N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp$  onto  $N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp$ . Thus  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & A_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A) \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)}).$$

It follows that if  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$  then  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)}).$$

*Necessity.* Clearly,  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ . From the discussion above, it is not difficult to get (ii).

(b) If  $R(B)$  is closed, then  $B_1$  as an operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(B)$  is invertible. Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & -C_2B_1^{-1} \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $n(A) < \infty$  and  $B_1$  is invertible, we conclude that  $M_1 \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)})$  if and only if  $R(C_1)$  is closed,  $n(C_1) < \infty$  and  $n(C_1) + n(A) \leq d(C_1) + d(B)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a given pair of operators. If  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $R(B)$  is closed and  $d(A) + d(B) < n(A) + n(B)$ , then for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $C$  has the operator matrix form (1) for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

- (i)  $n(B) = \infty$ . Since  $d(A) < \infty$ , then  $n(C_1) = \infty$  for all  $C$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .
- (ii)  $n(B) < \infty$ ,  $n(A) < \infty$ ,  $d(A) < \infty$  and  $d(B) < \infty$ . Since  $C_1$  is an operator from  $N(B)$  into  $R(A)^\perp$ , then

$$n(B) = n(C_1) + \dim N(C_1)^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad d(A) = d(C_1) + \dim R(C_1).$$

Thus  $n(C_1) + n(A) > d(B) + d(C_1)$  since  $n(B) + n(A) > d(A) + d(B)$  and  $\dim N(C_1)^\perp = \dim R(C_1)$ . From Lemma 2.1,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  for all  $C$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** If  $R(B)$  is closed,  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$  and  $n(B) + n(A) \leq d(B) + d(A)$ , then  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  for any  $C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $d(A) < \infty$  and  $n(B) = d(B) = \infty$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $C$  has the operator matrix form (1).

*Sufficiency* is clear, since  $n(B) = d(B) = \infty$  and  $d(A) < \infty$ , then  $n(C_1) = \infty$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  for all  $C$ .

*Necessity.* Suppose that  $d(A) < \infty$  and  $n(B) = d(B) = \infty$  are not satisfied. There are four cases to consider.

**Case 1.**  $n(B) = d(A) = \infty$ .

Assume that  $n(A) \leq d(B)$ . Let  $S$  be a unitary operator from  $N(B)$  onto  $R(A)^\perp$ . Since  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $\dim R(A) = \infty$ , let  $S_1$  be a left invertible operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(A)$ . Define an operator  $C_0$  by

$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & S_1 \end{pmatrix} : N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A)$$

then  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  by Lemma 2.1.

If  $n(A) > d(B)$  and  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  and  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  are orthogonal bases of  $N(B)$  and  $R(A)^\perp$ , respectively, denote  $n(A) - d(B) = m$ , and define  $C_1$  as an operator from  $N(B)$  into  $R(A)^\perp$  by

$$C_1(e_i) = f_{m+i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly,  $n(C_1) = 0$  and  $n(C_1^*) = m$ , then  $n(C_1) + n(A) = d(C_1) + d(B)$ . Define an operator  $C_0$  by  $C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & S_1 \end{pmatrix}$ . From Lemma 2.1,  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Case 2.**  $n(B) < \infty$  and  $d(A) = \infty$ .

It is easy to show that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

**Case 3.**  $n(B) < \infty$ ,  $d(A) < \infty$  and  $d(B) = \infty$ .

It is clear that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

**Case 4.**  $n(B) < \infty$ ,  $d(A) < \infty$  and  $d(B) < \infty$ .

As the similar way with the proof of Corollary 2.2(ii), we can prove that  $n(C_1) < \infty$  and  $n(C_1) + n(A) \leq d(C_1) + d(B)$  for all  $C$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is our main result in this section.

**Theorem 2.4.** For a given pair  $(A, B)$  of operators, we have

$$\bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_1(A, B),$$

where

$$\Psi_1(A, B) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : R(B - \lambda) \text{ is not closed and } d(A - \lambda) < \infty\},$$

$$\Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : R(B - \lambda) \text{ is closed and}$$

$$n(B - \lambda) + n(A - \lambda) > d(B - \lambda) + d(A - \lambda)\},$$

$$\Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : R(B - \lambda) \text{ is closed, } n(B - \lambda) = d(B - \lambda) = \infty \text{ and } d(A - \lambda) < \infty\}.$$

**Proof.** For convenience, we divide the proof into two steps.

**Step 1.** If  $\lambda \in \Psi_1(A, B) \setminus \sigma_{le}(A)$ , then for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $M_C - \lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

Suppose that  $M_C - \lambda$  has the operator matrix (3) and  $C$  has the operator matrix (1). By Lemma 2.1, for all  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $M_C - \lambda \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \notin \Phi_+^-(N(A - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda)^\perp, R(A - \lambda)^\perp \oplus R(B - \lambda)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B - \lambda)}),$$

for all  $C_1 \in B(N(B - \lambda), R(A - \lambda)^\perp)$ ,  $C_2 \in B(N(B - \lambda)^\perp, R(A - \lambda)^\perp)$ .

Conversely, assume that there exist  $C_1^0 \in B(N(B - \lambda), R(A - \lambda)^\perp)$  and  $C_2^0 \in B(N(B - \lambda)^\perp, R(A - \lambda)^\perp)$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus R(B)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B)}).$$

Then it is upper semi-Fredholm. By the assumption that  $\lambda \in \Psi_1(A, B) \setminus \sigma_{le}(A)$ , we have  $d(A - \lambda) < \infty$ . It follows that  $C_1^0$  and  $C_2^0$  are compact operators. Using 3.11 in Chapter XI of [1], we conclude that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

is upper semi-Fredholm. Thus  $R(B_1 - \lambda)$  is closed. But  $\lambda \in \Psi_1(A, B) \setminus \sigma_{le}(A)$  implies that  $R(B - \lambda)$  is not closed. This is a contradiction.

**Step 2.** If  $\lambda \in \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: R(B - \lambda) \text{ is not closed, } d(A - \lambda) = \infty\} \setminus \sigma_{le}(A)$ , then there exists  $C_0 \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , such that  $M_{C_0} - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

Let  $H_1$  be a closed subspace of  $R(A - \lambda)^\perp$  with  $\dim H_1 = n(B - \lambda)$  and  $\dim(R(A - \lambda)^\perp \ominus H_1) = \dim N(B - \lambda)^\perp$ . Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be unitary operators from  $N(B - \lambda)$  onto  $H_1$  and from  $N(B - \lambda)^\perp$  onto  $R(A - \lambda)^\perp \ominus H_1$ , respectively. Define

$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : N(B - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda)^\perp \rightarrow R(A - \lambda)^\perp \oplus R(A - \lambda).$$

Clearly,

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1^* & 0 \\ C_2^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1^* & 0 \\ C_2^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} : R(A - \lambda)^\perp \oplus R(A - \lambda) \rightarrow N(B - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda)^\perp.$$

Thus  $C_0$  is left invertible. Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ -(B_1 - \lambda)C_2^* & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda) \oplus N(B - \lambda)^\perp, R(A - \lambda)^\perp \oplus R(B - \lambda)^\perp \oplus \overline{R(B - \lambda)}),$$

$M_{C_0} - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , by Lemma 2.1(a).

Finally, by Step 1, we can conclude that

$$\bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \supseteq \Psi_1(A, B) \setminus \sigma_{\text{le}}(A).$$

By Corollaries 2.2 and 2.3, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) &\supseteq (\Psi_1(A, B) \setminus \sigma_{\text{le}}(A)) \cup \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \\ &= \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_1(A, B). \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 2.3 and Step 2, we get that

$$\bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_1(A, B).$$

Combining the two inclusions above, we obtain

$$\bigcap_{C \in B_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_1(A, B). \quad \square$$

The following corollaries are immediate from Theorem 2.4.

**Corollary 2.5.** (See [2].) *For given  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$ , we have*

$$\bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{le}}(A) \cup \Phi_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{lw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_1(A, B).$$

**Corollary 2.6.** (See [2].) *For a given pair  $(A, B)$  of operators, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{C \in B_{\text{r}}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{SF}^+}(M_C) &= \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{SF}^+}(M_C) \\ &= \sigma_{\text{re}}(B) \cup \Phi_{\text{rw}}(A, B) \cup \Upsilon_{\text{rw}}(A, B) \cup \Psi_{\text{r}}(A, B), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{rw}}(A, B) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: R(A - \lambda) \text{ is closed,} \\ &\quad n(B - \lambda) + n(A - \lambda) < d(B - \lambda) + d(A - \lambda)\}, \\ \Upsilon_{\text{rw}}(A, B) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: R(A - \lambda) \text{ is closed, } n(A - \lambda) = d(A - \lambda) = \infty, n(B - \lambda) < \infty\}, \\ \Psi_{\text{r}}(A, B) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: R(A - \lambda) \text{ is closed, } n(B - \lambda) < \infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is a natural question that whether the equation

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C)$$

holds?

### 3. $\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C)$

In this section, our main result is:

**Theorem 3.1.** For given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ , we have

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : B - \lambda \text{ is compact}\}.$$

We need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $A \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B \in B(\mathcal{K})$  and  $C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . If  $C$  has the operator matrix (1), then  $M_C$  is invertible if and only if  $A$  is left invertible,  $B$  is right invertible and  $C_1$  is invertible.

**Proof.** Sufficiency. Since  $A$  is left invertible,  $A_1$  is invertible. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ A_1 & C_3 & C_4 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_1^{-1}C_3 & -A_1^{-1}C_4 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ A_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $B$  is right invertible,  $B_1$  is invertible. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & -C_2B_1^{-1} \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & C_2 \\ A_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_1 & 0 \\ A_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, if  $C_1$  is invertible, then  $M_C$  is invertible.

*Necessity.* If  $M_C$  is invertible, then  $A$  is left invertible,  $B$  is right invertible. By the proof of sufficiency, we have that  $C_1$  is invertible.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $n(B) + n(A) \leq d(A) + d(B)$  and  $R(B)$  is closed, then  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H)$  for any  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  if and only if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $\dim N(B)^\perp < \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $n(B) = d(B) = \infty$  and  $d(A) < \infty$ .

**Proof.** Necessity. Assume that (ii) is not satisfied. To show that (i) holds, we will prove that  $\dim N(B)^\perp = \infty$  then there exist some  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ . By Corollary 2.3, we only need to show that if  $n(B) = d(A) = \infty$  and  $\dim N(B)^\perp = \infty$  then there exist some  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Case 1.**  $n(A) \leq d(B)$ . Let  $S$  be a unitary operator from  $N(B)$  onto  $R(A)^\perp$  and  $S_1$  an invertible operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  onto  $R(A)$ , since  $\dim R(A) = \infty$ . Set

$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} S & 0 \\ 0 & S_1 \end{pmatrix} : N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A)$$

then  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  by Lemma 2.1.



**Case 2.**  $n(A) > d(B)$ . Denote  $n(A) - d(B) = n$ .

Let  $w_1$  be a left invertible operator from  $N(B)$  into  $R(A)^\perp$  with  $n(w_1^*) = 2n$ ,  $w_3$  be a right invertible operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(A)$  with  $n(w_3) = 2n$ , and  $w_2$  be an invertible operator from  $N(B)^\perp$  into  $R(A)^\perp$  such that  $P_{N(w_1^*)}w_2|_{N(w_3)}$  is an invertible operator from  $N(w_3)$  onto  $N(w_1^*)$ , respectively, where  $P_{N(w_1^*)}$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $N(w_1^*)$ . Clearly,  $n(w_1) + n(A) \leq d(w_1) + d(B)$ . Set

$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ 0 & w_3 \end{pmatrix} : N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A).$$

It is easy to see that  $C_0$  is invertible, by Lemma 3.2. From Lemma 2.1,  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

*Sufficiency.* By Corollary 2.3, we only need to show that if  $\dim N(B)^\perp < \infty$ , then  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H)$  for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . Since  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $\dim R(A) = \infty$ . By the contrary, assume that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , where  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ . We have that  $C_1$  is an operator with  $R(C_1)$  is closed,  $n(C_1) < \infty$ , by Lemma 2.1. Suppose that  $C_1^+$  is an operator from  $R(A)^\perp$  into  $N(B)$  such that  $C_1^+C_1 = I_{N(B)} + K_0$  (see [8], Atkinson's theorem), where  $K_0$  is a compact operator from  $N(B)$  into  $N(B)$ . Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C_3C_1^+ & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ C_3 & C_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ -C_3K_0 & C_4 - C_3C_1^+C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible. Using 3.11 in Chapter XI of [1], we get that

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : N(B) \oplus N(B)^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A)$$

is Fredholm. But this is a contradiction with the fact that  $\dim R(A) = \infty$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** If  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$  and  $B$  is compact, then for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose, contrary to the assertion, that  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , for some  $C_0 \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -BC_0^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & C_0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C_0^{-1}A & I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_0 \\ -BC_0^{-1}A & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then  $-BC_0^{-1}A \in \Phi_+(H, K)$ . This is a contradiction with compactness of  $-BC_0^{-1}A$ . Hence, for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ ,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** [6] Let  $V$  be a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ . These are equivalent:

- (1) Any bounded operator  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $R(A) \subseteq V$  is compact;
- (2)  $V$  contains no closed infinite-dimensional subspace.

**Lemma 3.6.** If  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ,  $R(B)$  is not closed and  $d(A) = \infty$ , then  $B$  is not compact if and only if there exists  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Proof.** *Sufficiency.* If  $B$  is compact, by Lemma 3.4,  $M_C \notin \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , for any  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ .

*Necessity.* If  $B$  is not compact, by Lemma 3.5,  $R(B)$  contains a closed infinite-dimensional subspace. No loss of generality, suppose that  $K_1$  is closed subspace of  $R(B)$  with  $\dim K_1 = \infty$  and  $\dim K_1^\perp = \infty$ . Let  $H_1 = \{x \in N(B)^\perp : Bx \in K_1\}$ . Thus  $H_1$  is a closed subspace of

$N(B)^\perp$  and  $\dim H_1 = \infty$ . Denote  $H_1^\perp = N(B)^\perp \ominus H_1$ . No loss of generality, we may assume that  $\dim H_1^\perp = \infty$ . (Otherwise, suppose that  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is an orthonormal basis of  $H_1$ . Denote  $H_0 = \text{span}\{e_n: n = 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$  and  $K_0 = \{Bx: x \in H_0\}$ , then  $H_1$  and  $K_1$  can be instead by  $H_0$  and  $K_0$ , respectively.) Since  $d(A) = \infty$ , let  $R(A)^\perp = H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp$  with  $\dim H_2 = \dim N(B)$  and  $\dim H_2^\perp = \infty$ . Define an operator  $C: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  by

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_3 \end{pmatrix}: N(B) \oplus H_1^\perp \oplus H_1 \rightarrow H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus R(A),$$

where  $V_1, V_2$  and  $V_3$  are unitary operators. Obviously,  $C$  is invertible. Suppose that  $B_1 = B|_{N(B)^\perp}$ , then

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{13} & 0 \end{pmatrix}: H_1^\perp \oplus H_1 \rightarrow K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp,$$

where  $B_{12}$  is an invertible operator from  $H_1$  onto  $K_1$ . Hence  $M_1$  (as Lemma 2.1) has the following operator matrix form:

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_{11} & B_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & B_{13} & 0 \end{pmatrix}: N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus H_1^\perp \oplus H_1 \rightarrow H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp.$$

Let

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -B_{11}V_2^* & I & 0 \\ 0 & -B_{13}V_2^* & 0 & I \end{pmatrix}: H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp \rightarrow H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp.$$

Then

$$WM_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -B_{11}V_2^* & I & 0 \\ 0 & -B_{13}V_2^* & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_{11} & B_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & B_{13} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to show that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & V_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus H_1^\perp \oplus H_1, H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp).$$

Therefore,  $M_1 \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus N(B) \oplus H_1^\perp \oplus H_1, H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp)$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 3.1.** By Lemma 3.4, it is clear that

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \supseteq \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: B - \lambda \text{ is compact}\}.$$

For the converse, let  $\lambda \notin (\bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: B - \lambda \text{ is compact}\})$ .

**Case 1.**  $R(B - \lambda)$  is not closed. Then  $d(A - \lambda) = \infty$ ,  $A - \lambda \in \Phi_+(H)$  and  $B - \lambda$  is not compact. By Lemma 3.6, there exists  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ .

**Case 2.**  $R(B - \lambda)$  is closed. Since  $B - \lambda$  is not compact, then  $\dim N(B - \lambda)^\perp = \infty$ . By Lemma 3.3, there exists  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  such that  $M_C - \lambda \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$ , since  $A - \lambda \in \Phi_+(H)$  and  $d(A - \lambda) + d(B - \lambda) \geq n(A - \lambda) + n(B - \lambda)$ .  $\square$

In the similar way, we have

**Corollary 3.7.** *For a given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ , we have*

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{SF}^+}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{SF}^+}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: A - \lambda \text{ is compact}\}.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** *For a given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ , we have*

$$\bigcap_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{w}}(M_C) = \bigcap_{C \in B(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{w}}(M_C) \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}: A - \lambda \text{ or } B - \lambda \text{ is compact}\}.$$

#### 4. $\bigcup_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C)$

**Theorem 4.1.** *For a given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ ,  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  for all  $C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  if and only if the following conditions hold:*

- (i)  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$ ;
- (ii)  $B \in \Phi_+(H)$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{ind}(A) + \text{ind}(B) \leq 0$ .

**Proof.** Sufficiency is clear, since  $M_C = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & C \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ .

*Necessity.* It is clear that  $A \in \Phi_+(H)$  and  $n(B) < \infty$ . We firstly show that  $R(B)$  is closed. Assume to the contrary that  $R(B)$  is not closed. By Theorem 2.4 and Lemma 3.4,  $d(A) = \infty$  and  $B$  is not compact. Thus  $R(B)$  contains a closed infinite-dimensional subspace  $K_1$  with  $\dim K_1^\perp = \infty$ . Let  $H_1 = \{x \in N(B)^\perp: Bx \in K_1\}$ . Using the same technique as Lemma 3.6, we may assume that  $H_1$  is a closed subspace of  $N(B)^\perp$ ,  $\dim H_1 = \infty$  and  $\dim H_1^\perp = \infty$ . Since  $d(A) = \infty$ , set  $R(A)^\perp = H_2 \oplus H_2^\perp$  with  $\dim H_2 = \dim N(B)$  and  $\dim H_2^\perp = \infty$ . Thus

$$M_C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ 0 & A_1 & C_{21} & C_{22} \\ 0 & 0 & B_1 & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} : N(A) \oplus N(A)^\perp \oplus H_1 \oplus H_1^\perp \\ \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A) \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp,$$

where  $B_1$  is an invertible operator from  $H_1$  into  $K_1$ . Since  $A_1$  is invertible,  $M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ 0 & B_1 & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus H_1 \oplus H_1^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp).$$

Since

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & -C_{11}B_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ 0 & B_1 & B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & -B_1^{-1}B_2 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -C_{11}B_1^{-1}B_2 + C_{12} \\ 0 & B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

$M_C \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -C_{11}B_1^{-1}B_2 + C_{12} \\ 0 & B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus H_1 \oplus H_1^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp).$$

Since  $d(A) = \infty$ , define an operator  $C_0: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  by

$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} V_2 & V_2B_1^{-1}B_2 \\ 0 & V_1 \end{pmatrix}: H_1 \oplus H_1^\perp \rightarrow R(A)^\perp \oplus R(A),$$

where  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are unitary operators. It is easy to show that  $C_0$  is invertible. By Eq. (4),  $M_{C_0} \in \Phi_+^-(H \oplus K)$  if and only if

$$M_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+^-(N(A) \oplus H_1 \oplus H_1^\perp, R(A)^\perp \oplus K_1 \oplus K_1^\perp).$$

Thus  $B_4 \in \Phi_+(H_1^\perp, K_1^\perp)$ . It follows from  $\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \Phi_+(K)$  that  $R(B)$  is closed. This is a contradiction. Thus  $R(B)$  is closed.

Since  $n(M_0) = n(A) + n(B_4) < \infty$  and  $d(M_0) = d(A) + d(B_4)$ , we get that

$$n(M_0) - d(M_0) = n(A) - d(A) + n(B_4) - d(B_4) = \text{ind}(A) + \text{ind}(B),$$

the last equation follows from that  $B_1$  is invertible. Thus  $\text{ind}(A) + \text{ind}(B) \leq 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** For a given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ ,

$$\bigcup_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{ea}}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{ea}} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}.$$

In a similar way, we may obtain the next corollaries.

**Corollary 4.3.** For given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ ,

$$\bigcup_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{SF}_+^+}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{SF}_+^+} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Corollary 4.4.** For given pair of operators  $(A, B)$ ,

$$\bigcup_{C \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})} \sigma_{\text{w}}(M_C) = \sigma_{\text{w}} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}.$$

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